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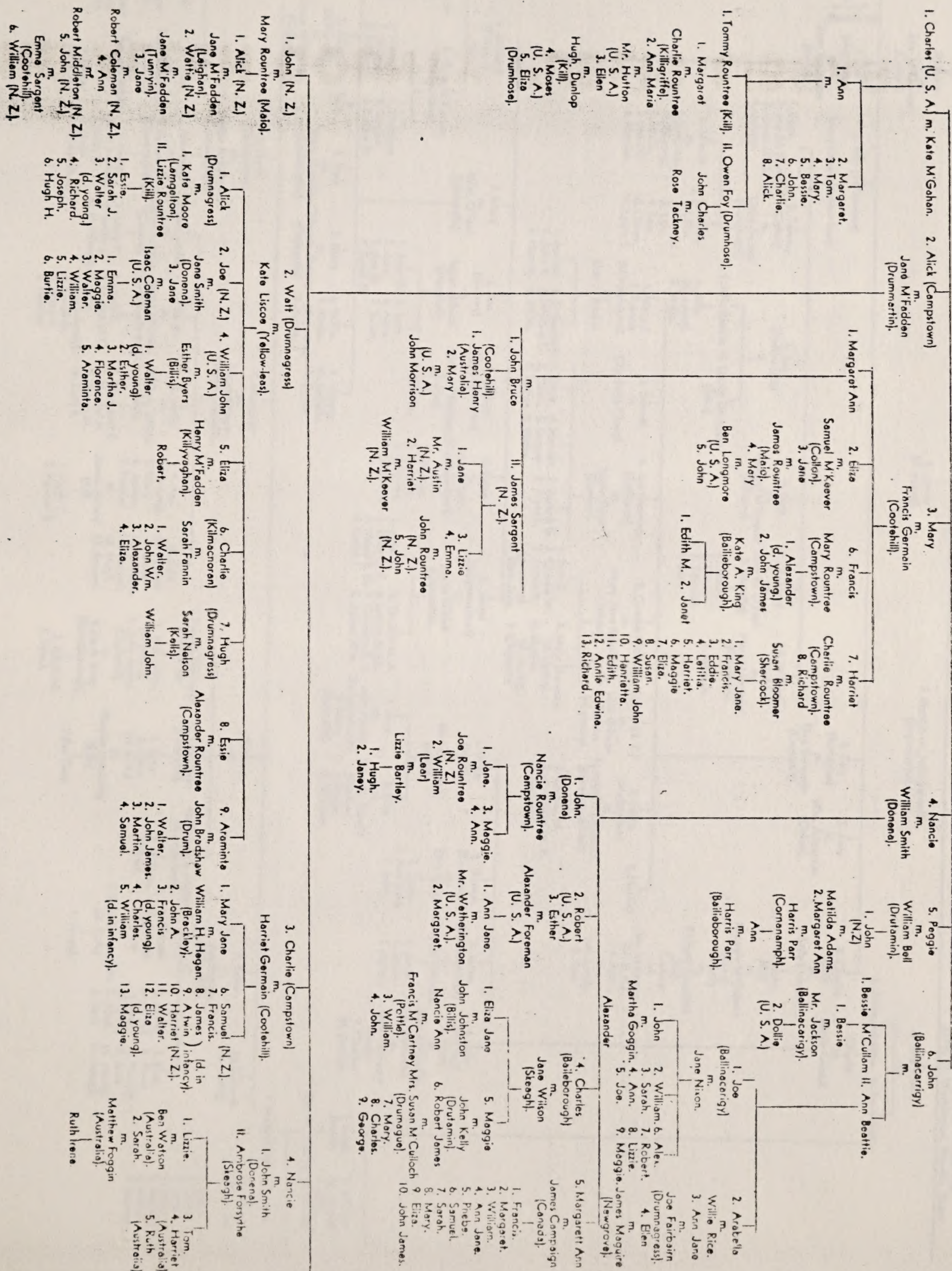
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HISTORY OF THE ROUNTREE NAME

JOSEPH GUS ROUNTREE

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1. Jack (Killivaghon), m. Mrs. Pogie Ebbot, formerly M'Fadden



GENELOGICAL TREE

CHARLES ROUNTREE, born about 1710 A. D. In 1730 A. D. he left Armagh, and went to Killgriffe, Ballinborough, where he married Mollie Coleman.

Sold by J. G. ROUNTREE
317 1/2 N. Washington, Breville, Texas

1. Mary
m.
W. Barrett
4. Richard
(Rockery)

3. Minnie
m.
Joe M. Keever
(Collon).

4. James
(d. young).

5. Nancie m. John Barnett
(Drummartin).

6. Billy (Maio)
m.

1. Jimmie Johnston, 11. Susie Adair.

1. Mary.
2. Margaret.
3. Thomas
(d. young)

4. Joe
(Mossycon)
m.
Jane Rountree
(Maio).

5. Billy (Yellow-leas)
m.
Mary Liscoe (Yellow-leas)

6. Sam
(Yellow-leas)
m.

7. Esie
m.
Richard M. Keever
(Killeary)

8. Mary
m.
John G. O'Neil
(Oldcastle).

9. William
(N. Z.)
m.
Harriet Sargent
(Coolhill).

10. Sam
(Rathbarney)
m.
Wm. Anderson
(Collon).

11. Charlie
(Kill)
m.
Sally Morrow.

12. Charlie
m.
Bettie Clisdal

1. Mary
m.
W. Barrett
4. Richard
(Rockery)

2. Rebecca
(Killingrille).

3. Mary
m.
George Carleton
(Clonel).

4. Harriet.
5. Richard J.
6. George.
7. Mary J.
8. Mary E.

1. Minnie
m.
John O'Neil
(Millbrook).

2. Willie.
3. John C.
4. Harriet.

5. Emilie.
6. Lillie.
7. Florrie.
8. Tom.
9. Sam.
10. Liscoe.
11. Laura S.
(Mitchelstown).

1. Mary J.
2. Francis
(Mitchelstown)

3. Samuel
m.
Charlotte Clough.

4. Joe Germain
(Rathbarney)
m.
Lizzie Sloan
(Dunleer).

5. Charlie (Collon)
m.
Mary Jane Rountree
(Maio).

6. Billy (N. Z.)
m.
Miss Gibson
(d. young).

7. John
m.
Harriet Wedsworth
(Newtownbutler).

8. Eddie
(Mulledillon)
m.
Mr. M. Keever
(U. S. A.)

9. Harriet
m.
Mr. Lundy.
5. Tom.

1. Samuel.
2. John R.
3. Harriet.

4. F. Germain
1. Lizzie.
2. Harriet.
3. Joseph G.
4. Harriet.
5. Samuel.
6. Francis.

1. Sam J.
2. Charlie W.
3. James R.
4. Eliza Jane.
5. Mary Germain.
6. Harriet
(d. young).

1. Samuel W.
2. Josephine M. E.
3. Harriet L.

1. Willie
(Maio)
m.
Eliza Rountree
(Maio).

2. Thomas
(Kingscourt)
m.
Eliza Oliver.
Maggie Kincaide.
John O'Keefe.
6. Eliza Jane
m.
Wm. M. Barry
(Muff).

3. James
(Ballinborough)
m.
1. Lizzie.
2. Ann Jane.
3. James.

4. John
(Sydney).
5. Mary

1. Isaac
(Maio)
2. William
(d. young).

3. John
(d. young).

1. Mary Anne.
2. Jane

1. Mary.
2. Elizabeth.
3. Jane.
4. John.
5. James.
6. William.
7. Martha.

1. Richard
(Killingrille)
m.

2. Mary
m.
Wm. O'Neil
(Oldcastle).

3. Joe
(Garvey)
m.
Susan Gibson
(Stonehill).

4. William
(Stephenstown)
m.
Anne M. Fadden
(Ucher).

5. Lizzie
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(Castlepollard).

6. James
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Maria O'Neil
(Oldcastle).

1. Jane
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John Flacko
(Dunleer).

2. Eliza
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Wm. H. Newitt
(Dunleer).

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John O'Keefe.
6. Eliza Jane
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Wm. M. Barry
(Muff).

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1. Isaac
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3. John
(d. young).

1. Anne Brabazon
(Mullingar).

1. Willie B.
2. James E.
3. Annie E.

1. Mary.
2. Joseph.
3. Richard.

4. Kathleen.
5. Samuel.
6. Louisa B.

1. John W. S. Sam.
2. Joe G. 6. Anne.
3. Joe G. 7. Susan.

1. George.
2. Richard.
3. Celenia
(d. young).

1. Jane A.
2. Eliza O. F.
3. Maud E. D.
4. Emily L.

5. Thomas H. A.
6. Louisa A. M.
7. Carolina S. J.
8. James Wm.
(Ballinborough).

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2. William
(d. young).

3. John
(d. young).

7. Charles (Kill)
m.
Betty Fisher

8. Dick (Maio)
m.
Betty Ruggie

9. Nellie
m.
Mr. M. F. F. (N.S.A.)

10. Tom
(Coponagh)
m.
Jane Annan

11. Peter
(Killgriffe)
m.
Sarah Smith
(Shaggy)

1. Mary
m.
James M. Culloch
(Maio)

2. Thomas
(Kill)
m.
Anne Rountree
(Kill)

3. Isaac
m.
Mary Parker
(Balliborough)

4. Isaac
(Carnagh)
m.
Mary Trotter
(Ballyjamesduff)

5. Jane
m.
Jan. Rountree
(Maio)

6. Margaret
m.
Wm. Hogan
(Brackley)

7. William
(Kill)
m.
Margaret Treiner

8. Rebecca
(Australia)
m.
Wm. James
(Coponagh)

9. Mary A.
(Coponagh)
m.
Wm. James

10. William
(Kill)
m.
Miss Hughes

11. John
m.
Mr. Pratt

12. James Kinlode
m.
Wm. Henry
(Balliborough)

1. Alice
m.
Nancie M. Culloch
(Maio)

2. Elizabeth
m.
Bob Smith
(Domen)

3. Thomas
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Lizzie Rountree
(Coponagh)

4. Hannah
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Hugh Pepper
(Coolhill)

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Wm. Jas. Rountree
(Coponagh)

4. Hannah
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1. Mary J. Rountree II.
(Coponagh)

5. Richard
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2. John J.
(Australia)

6. Sarah
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3. John
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10. William
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11. Sarah Stewart
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8. Tom
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12. Rebecca
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9. Peter
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1. William
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John M. Keever
(Kill)

2. Isaac
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Keoville, Texas.
November 5, 1955.

My dear Fellow Rountree, Rowntrees, or Roundtree:

I am sorry to have to report that I did not receive sufficient advance orders, to allow me to spend an additional several hundred dollars, in addition to the many hundred dollars, I have already spent, and the several years time I have used in the collecting of the various letters, and material all over the United States, and some in Ireland and England.

I have gotten all such material together, and am sending it to the Texas History Center of the University of Texas Library, for the use of posterity, and it will available to the public.

I am also sending ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a copy of my proposed Rowntree name Booklet typed in manuscript form, for such use also. I do not expect to get it published. I send out 500 offers to have it printed and sent subject to approval to other Rowntrees, and received only 28 replies, I am sorry.

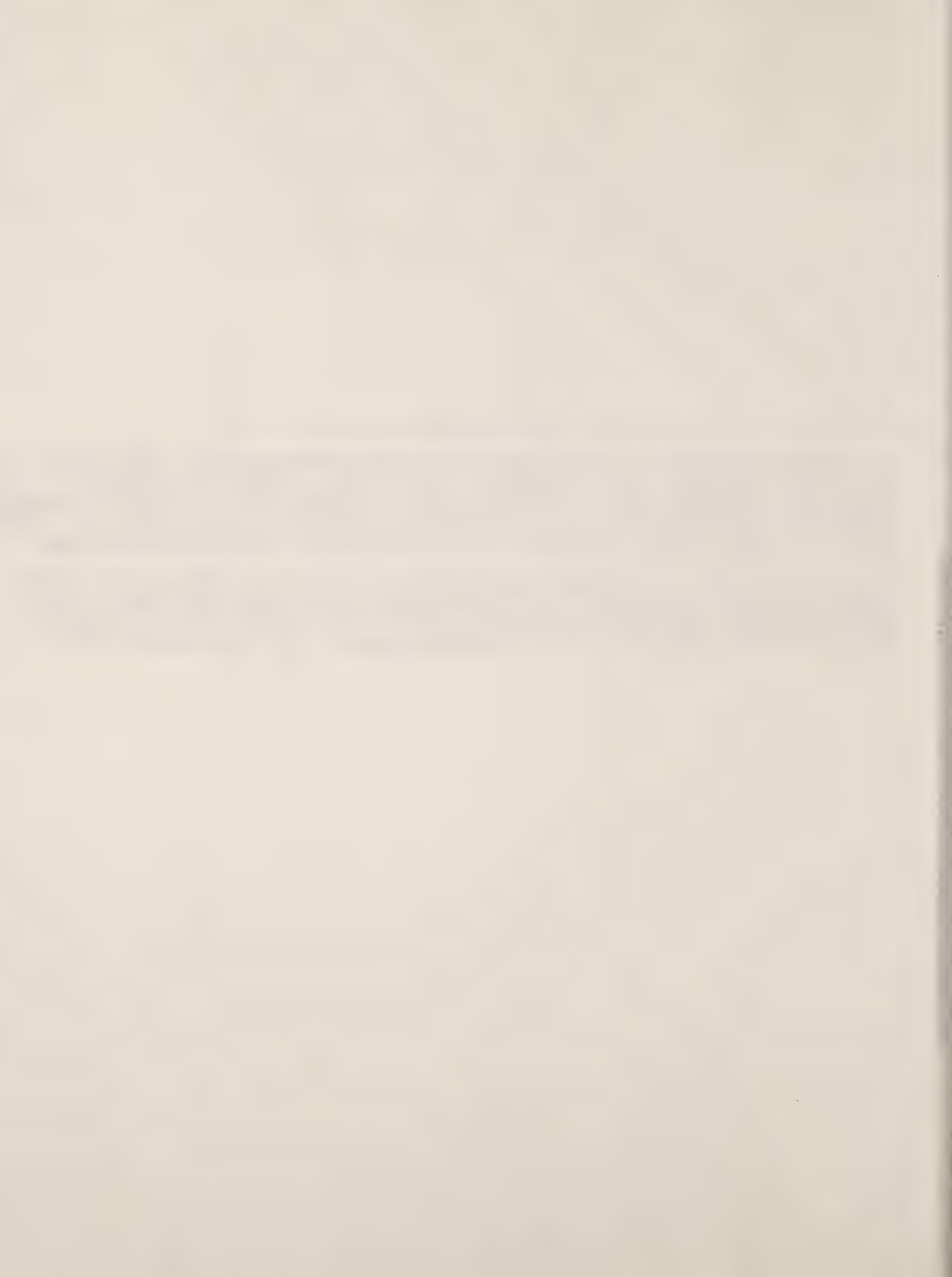
Yours truly,

J.G.Rountree, 317 1/2 N. Washington St.



The three sheets of the family tree of Charles Rountree, born 1710 is to be pasted together. They represent a family tree gotten up by Walter Rountree of Ireland, who as a Presbyterian minister, went from one to another family of Rountrees, there copied from their bibles the data given. He lived to be 85 years old, and spend his life time accumulating the information.

Mr. Walter Rountree, his nephew emigrated to New York in 1896, and has lived there since, and he supplied me with a copy of the tree, from which I had printed copies made, and I am sending you one as a gift from me, in appreciation of your interest in the Rountree name history, J.G. Rountree II.



This is a gift from J.S. Rowntree II

Author of "The Rowntrees" written by J.S. Rowntree II.

I am Joseph Gus Rowntree the second, being named after my father Joseph Gus Rowntree the first. I am now past 75 years old, my birth-day was December 1, 1879, and this is the year 1955. The name Joseph has been carried for generation after generation by the Rowntrees, and other singular names, derived from the name, Rowntree, the first being called Rowan Tree, a tree growing in or near Yorkshire, England, where the name is supposed to have originated.

The Rowan Tree is supposed to be a sacred tree, or was for the Vikings or Danish people that settled in the vicinity of York Shire, in a early day. Its branches are supposed to spread out over said people and to have served as a protection for them from all evil.

It is said that a abandoned child was found under one of these trees dressed in rich clothing, and the owner of the estate, where the child was found, took compassion on the child and adopted it and raised him as his own son, and named him Rowntree for the tree under where he was found, thus starting the name of Rowntree and singular names.

The first official record I have been able to ascertain is from a letter dated December 25, 1953, from Charles Brighton Rowntree, Essex, England, which says "The tradition about the child under a Rowan Tree is fresh to me, but there were Rowntrees in existence before 1550, as early as 1521, there was a John Rowntree old enough to have a son-in-law so that he must have been born sometime before 1500. I wonder if the tradition dates back much further and arises from the fact that the Rowan Tree was held sacred by the Norsemen or Vikings. There is quite a mythology concerning the Rowan Tree, and their conception of the world was a huge Rowan Tree, within whose embrace, lay not only one child, but all living things, people and animals." (End of quotation)

The next record that I have of the name was that of William and Ralph Rowntree living in Yorkshire before the 17th. century. Then next a John Rowntree who married Jane Hardy, and they had a daughter Elizabeth to be baptized at St. James Clerkenwell, London about 1659.

Quoting from the above letter referred to of Mr. C.E. Rowntree, he says, "The earliest recorded will, is that of Lawrence Rowntree of Newby, dated 1557, but in the public record office, London there is an account of a lawsuit brought by daughter and son-in-law against John Rowntree in 1521, which shows the later to have been possessed of land and house in Ferreby, Yorkshire, England. Between 1600 and 1700 there are eight more pleadings (lawsuits) all of which connect the Rowntrees with north Yorkshire, and show them often to have been Yeoman (Farmers).

So records make it clear that many of them were men of strong and independent views, so that it is not surprising to find members of the family in trouble with the authorities, both religious and secular. Thus as early as 1605 Mill and Margaret Rowntree of Seamer, are recorded as recusants. Also in 1614 James Rowntree (Yeoman) is singularly described, while in 1615 there appears this entry in the Stokely Parish Register, "August 20, Ignas Rowntree of Tanton, was buried the same day, at night in Seamer Church Yard, a Recusant."

From Genealogy Court, and other records, it appears that the Rowntrees were inclined to take the Parliamentary side in the civil war, with an occasional exception. From one source we learn of the Quarter master, Ralph Rowntree, taken prisoner in 1640. Perhaps the same Ralph Rowntree, (Yeoman) of Stokely, who was tried in 1663, in connection with the Presbyterian rising, on which occasion he was not free, on conditional, of finding securities and taking the oath of allegiance. A warrant of sequestration of the estate of William Rowntree of Kirdforth, being now in arms against the King and Parliament. Was this the same William who was indicted in 1644 for not coming to church, after which he joined the Quakers soon after.

A more amusing instance of the Rowntree's coming into conflict with the authorities, was the indictment in 1615 of Ralph Rowntree of Stokely, (Yeoman) for breaking into the park of one Magdalen Truce, there dwelling and hunting deer, with a greyhound.

Not all the Rowntrees were (Yeoman or Farmers). Henry Rowntree born 1545 who married at Ingelby Greenhow, was vicar of Kirby-in-Cleveland, and may possibly have held the living of Ingelby, along with the Vicarage of Kirby.



being to the near neighborhood of Whisby, some Lowntrees became Mariners, including John Lowntree, son of the above named Quaker William Lowntree. John Lowntree was an alderman, and at one time Mayor of the town, and apparently in business in Leeds. Reference is made to him in Sir Walker Selverly's diary, as witness the following entry. "July 19, 1700. At Leeds session, we dined that day at Mr. Montre the Mayor in Poor Lane".

The 220 Lowntrees entered in the Stokesby Parish Register, between 1513 and 1749, give the occupation of only ten individuals, and that during a short period in 1713 to 1733, such being Mathew Lowntree, a tailor, James, a sailor, John and Christopher, shoemakers, William, a fuller, and the other five were Yeoman (Farmers). A fuller means a person that makes cloth.

The first Quaker Lowntree, we have a record of is Francis Lowntree, of Stokesby, who became a member of the society between 1650 and 1660, as recorded in the first publications of Truth. John Whitehead was instrumental in the gathering and settling meeting, for he declared "Ye truth through their markets and many believed at Guisbrough, including Francis Lowntree". In a placard's return of 1662, reports a Quaker convention held at Stokesby, in Francis Lowntree's house, with a congregation of 20 or 40 persons. It also reports a Anti-baptist convention at the house of Henry Lowntree of Stokesby.

Francis Lowntree is also recorded as a member of Stokesby meeting 1658. The birth of his two eldest ~~but~~ children 1654 and 1653, are entered in the church register, while the names of his six younger children appears in the Quaker records, thus making him the father of eight children.

William Lowntree of Great Gussy who died in 1680, has already been mentioned, as having joined the Quakers. He was buried in Francis Lowntree ground near Stokesby, his son the mariner John Lowntree married in a meeting at Raxby 1711, had two children, one of whom was named Peregrine Lowntree.

Neither in church nor in Quaker register is there any subsequent mention of the children of Francis or William Lowntree, and the name would have died out, so far as the Society of Friends are concerned, had not another William Lowntree joined the society about 1750. He married and settled at a farm known as Riseborough, near Pickering, but his ancestors lived at Gussy, near Stokesby, England. His Great-Great Grandfather Peter Lowntree of Gussy was born in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and he is the earliest ancestor from whom we can trace a descent. He was a Yeoman and married Phyllis Wright at Stokesby church in 1614. There also were his children Henry and William baptized there, he himself was buried at Stokesby in 1620. The only other fact that we know about him, is that his name was on the Jury pannel for Hutton Paddy, so far the date is concerned his son might have been the one in whose house the anti-baptist convention was held in 1669, but this is mere conjecture.

Peter Lowntree grandson John (1664-1733) was the grandfather of William Lowntree of Riseborough, whose father is described as a fuller, and John his grandfather a Yeoman, (Farmer) who made William his heir, the father having died.

William Lowntree married Hannah Hebron and they had four sons, and four daughters who grew up and married. Their descendants are numbered by the hundreds and are found to be in America, Asia, South Africa, and Australia, as well as in the British Isles.

A later tenant of Riseborough described the house as standing on the summit of a lofty oblong shaped hill, well studied with trees, from which it had a commanding position. A cheerful old place well open to view, looking boldly over its lands. Tradition says it was built 800 years ago, by the monks. The massive structure of the walls, their great width, built of stone in solid masonry and carried to great height, the stone mullined windows, long winding passages, and great old stair cases fine old oak main ceilings and numerous rooms and attics, speak of ages of architecture of long ago. All but the ground floor was destroyed by fire in 1952.

William Lowntree makes no mention, in his will of Riseborough, which he apparently rented, which he second son William carried on the tenancy, the eldest son John Lowntree had commenced business in Scarborough, but he had various properties in Pickering, some of which he bequeath to his wife, and to his son Joseph, one to his daughter Hannah and Elizabeth, and another to his sons William and Robert. In addition he divided nearly three thousand pounds amongst his children and grand-children, and a sum of five pounds for his brother John, and five shillings to his sister Ann Todd.



On 11th Jan Rowntree (1765-1832) left Haseborough for Hattington near Lenton in 1831, having found the responsibility of the Haseborough farm heavier than his health would stand. In a letter to his sister Jane he describes the moving of 36 wagon loads of furniture and effects in addition to sheep, pigs, cattle and horses.

His son Richardson Rowntree, though born at Haseborough, went to Kirkstall near Leeds and there set up as a barter merchant, but he relinquished the business in early life, because of his temperance connections and returned to Haseborough, whence he accompanied his father to Hattington, on his father's death in 1832, he took over the farm, his oldest brothers had become millers, Isaac at Manningham and William at Kirkstall.

The four daughters of William and Hannah Rowntree were all married, Mary (1759-96) to Richard Leaver, grocer of Mansfield. Jane (1765-1837) to Daniel Boncaster, file maker of Sheffield. Hannah (1761-1833) to Richard Watson, pin maker of Sheffield, and Elizabeth (1763-1836) to David Priestman, a tanner of Walton. Hannah and Elizabeth had no children.

Jane Boncaster was acknowledged as a minister in the society of the Friends in 1865.

The son Joseph (1774-1811) apparently had two mills at Pickering, one of them a paper mill, some time after his death at the age of 37 the mills were sold.

His sons Robert and Joseph were millers at Thornton, near Pickering. Neither was married, his remaining son William (removed to Scarborough, where he founded the drapery business, from the firm of Messrs William Rowntree and sons developed.

The son Robert (1773-1830) was a miller at Hull, whose sons Edward Casson Rowntree, went to Australia, and Henry went to America.

The eldest son John (1757-1827) had three sons, William, a miller at Cateshead, John who followed his father as a grocer at Scarborough, and Joseph who commenced the grocery business at Pavement, York. It was this Joseph Rowntree who in 1853, after an unanimous election to the Lord Mayoralty of York, felt obliged to refuse to serve in that office, because he could not as chief magistrate conscientiously take or administer an oath, but he said he would willingly pay the one hundred pound fine as the penalty for non-acceptance.

At the heading or beginning of Mr. Charles Brighven Rowntree's letter, he writes the following;

The Rowntrees are probably of Scandinavian origin, and early settlements of that name appear to have been made in Ireland, Cumberland, and the Cleveland districts of Yorkshire, England. It is in this last neighborhood that the family is met with in our historical records, and the Rowntree settlers in Ireland and Cumberland may have originated from the same district of Yorkshire.

The Scandinavian or Danish invasion of England were mostly on the east coast and many of the early Yorkshire present day names, such as Ellby, Easby, Holby, Newby, Luddby, Firby, Fussy are Danish names.



Birth.	Name	Marriage.	Death.	Age.	Residence.
1770	His son William Rowntree, Miller			1854. 56	Kirkstall, Eng.
	His Daughter Hannah Rowntree, married Charles Brightwen, a grocer.				Kirkstall, Eng.
1786	William Rowntree, a son of the William Rowntree, born 1768.D.1841.				
1846	His grandson Charles John Rowntree, Grocer, (Marge) Daughter (Brightwen)			1925. 79.	Sheffield, Eng.
1873	His son Charles Brightwen Rowntree, Mayor, living 1955.				Saffron Walden, Essex, E
1903	His son Henry Brightwen Rowntree, Water Eng. living 1955.				Enfield, Eng.
	has four children, no names.				

IRISH ROUNTREES.

The Irish Rountrees appear to have spelled their name with a U instead of a W, as in England. From the Irish descent I came, and I will latter, tell where I think I am connected to the English Rowntrees.

The first record that I have been able to ascertain is from a letter dated March 21, 1953., relative to the early Irish Rowntree, which says;
"Belfast, Northern Ireland, March 21, 1953. J. Rowntree, B. R. R. L. Texas
My Dear Sir,

I regret that I am unable to do much to help you in your search after these family names, That work is for a specialist and completely outside anything I have ever done. I have however consulted our local Record Office and there was given the names of several Rountrees, all listed as tenants on the estate in the County Armagh, of the family of Acheson, They are;

Charles Rowntree, Derryhill and Mulladry, 1737.
Thomas Rowntree, Mulladry, 1737.
Thomas Rowntree, Cordrummond, 1754.
James Rowntree, Killyradder, 1790-92.
Thomas Rowntree, Mullatea, 1795.
James Rowntree, Drumonnis, 1798-99

These names of places, are of Town lands, an Irish division in which, I assume they were farmers, their farms were situated.
There is no further information than their names on maps of the estate.

Also in the record office, are copies on the hearth money roll of some years in the county Armagh, these lists of the hearths on which a tax was imposed. The name occurs twice, in connection with the parish of Killmorex, year 1664.

Thomas Rowntree, One hearth.
Widow Rowntree, one hearth.

I also visited the office of the Presbyterian Society and in the marriage records of the Rosemary Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, which produced James Rowntree, and Jane McClaroy was proclaimed the 22nd. of March, and married ye 26th. 1808.

Most unhappily practically everything in the Record office in Dublin, went up in flames, when it was blown up during the civil war.

A professional search I am sure would be long and costly, but in a case you like to find out for your self, the record office here has given me the address of a professional searcher. Mr. R.A. Young, Linden Lea, Robb's Road, Dunonald, Belfast, Ireland.

Have you communicated at all with the Rowntrees, the great chocolate manufacturers, York, England, who I am told are interested in family history. Do you know whether any of these ancient members of your family were Quakers, who seem to take much interest in the past of their denomination?

I again say I am sorry that I can be of so little help to you; I think these Armagh people must be connections.

I assume that you got my name from Mr. Crawford, son of an old friend of mine, when I was a member of the staff of the Northern Wigs.

The register of the First Armagh Presbyterian Church gives the Marriage of John Rowntree, Mullabrack, to Margaret Kearny, Mullabrack, November 22, 1808. Sincerely yours, Alex Riddell, Belfast, Ireland.



Returning to the information supplied by Mr. Charles Brightwen Rowntree, he writes in a letter of a latter date, the following:

"I am not surprised that the genealogical table has puzzled you, as my father and mother are both descended from William Rowntree (1727-98) my mother through his eldest son John (1757-1827) and my father through his youngest son William (1768-1832) and this is further complicated by the fact that they were of different generations and were second cousins once removed. So I am my own third cousin once removed. On a separate sheet I have tried to state in the form you use. (~~as you use~~)

You ask about Rowntrees in Scotland. The nearest I can get to Scotland is a letter (Oct. 12, 1948) from Miss Winnie Dickson, 16 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh 9, Scotland, whose Great-Grand father, William Rowntree (1853-1900) was a mast and blockmaker in Lamber-land, England. But I've not been able to trace any connection with our branch of the family, with him. The following is the copy of the tree as he sent it,

Peter Rowntree, Yeoman, Easby, married Oct. 10, 1614, he died Jan. 1620.
married Phyllis Wright. 1

William Rowntree, Yeoman, Easby, (b. Oct. 1617-d. Apr. 1681) 1

John Rowntree, Easby, (b. June 1664-d. Nov. 1738.) 1

William Rowntree, Fuller, Easby, (b. July 1700-d. April 1736.) 1

William Rowntree, Yeoman, Rieborough, (b. 1727-d. Jan 1798.) 1

John 1727-1827, Grocer and William 1768-1832, Farmer, Rieborough and
Draper, Scarborough, Scotland. 1

William 1786-1849, Miller, William 1798-1854, Kirkstall,
Gateshead. 1

Hannah Rowntree, married Chas. Chas. John Rowntree, 1845-1925, Grocer Lund-
Brightwen Grocer, Newcastle. orland, Carlisle, Sheffield, England. 1

Charles Brightwen Rowntree, b. 1873, not
dead, Mayor, Taffran walton, Essex, England. 1

Henry Brightwen Rowntree, b. 1908, not
dead, water engineer, Enfield, England. 1

lost scrip.

4 children.

Have you been in touch with Eugene Rowntree, No. 504, Bellock St.
Kingston, North Carolina, he has a family tree of 300 names.

I quote you some scraps from his letter of April 18, 1951.
Our family seems to have come from Yorkshire, The earliest records of
of the name in England, include those of William Rowntree of Yorkshire,
and Ralph Rowntree, both of whom were living before the beginning of
the 17th. century, in the 17th century record is found John Rowntree
whose daughter Elizabeth was baptized at St. James Clerkwell, London,
in 1659, and Christopher Rowntree of London, who was living in 1687.
Of the Yorkshire family Robert Rowntree was living at Stockton-on-
Tees about the beginning of the 17th. century. Thomas Rowntree in the
same place before 1744. The Reverend John Rowntree of Stockton, mar-
ried the daughter and sole heiress of Reverend William Russell.

Other records indicate that Robert, John, and Thomas Rowntree's
were living in Nansemond County, Virginia, nearly as 1704, They after
wards moved to Chowan County, North Carolina. A great uncle of mine
Robert Hart Rowntree died in New York, in 1926, he had a son Robert
Larkin Rowntree who died in New York, in 1903.

Eugene Rowntree also states that his ancestor Robert Rowntree,
emigrated from Yorkshire to Ireland, in 1689, then later to America.
End of letter.

A person reading the above, would make think the Robert Rowntree,
named as leaving England in 1689 and going to Ireland, then later to
Nansemond County, Virginia, was the same Robert Rowntree, whose family
was living at Stockton-on-Tees about the beginning of the 17th Cent-
ury. This I question, as I think they are different Rowntrees.
Referring to the Robert, John, and Thomas Rowntrees, living in Nanse-
mond County, in 1704, I think they were part of the six sons, that
emigrated to America, with the father, called an old man in the history
written by my Great-Grand-Grand Uncle Joseph, I will later copy.

Mr. Charles Brightwen Rowntree, enclosed with his letter the following Rowntree trees.

No.1.

Peter Rowntree of Easby, Yocman, b Oct.10, 1614.-d Jan. 22, 1680. Married Phyllis Wright.

Children.

- Henry Rowntree of Stokesley, b April 10, 1615.
- William Rowntree of Easby, Yocman, b October, 1617, d April 14, 1681. Married Ann. d. 1703. Children of above Henry Rowntree.
 1. Ralph Rowntree, of Stokesley, b Feb 8, 1634. Son Leonard b Oct.9, 1657.
 2. Gabriel Rowntree, b Feb.5, 1636.
 3. John Rowntree, b Jan 11, 1641.

Children of above William Rowntree.

1. Deborah Rowntree, b April 26, 1641. Married Sapher Tiplady.
2. Jane Rowntree, b November 27, 1642.
3. Ann Rowntree, no date
4. Mary Rowntree, b April 6, 1654. Married Thomas Mansell.
5. Alice Rowntree, b July 7, 1661.
6. John Rowntree, of Easby, Yocman, b June 2, 1664, d Nov.30, 1738. Married Jane -----.

Children of above John Rowntree, no.6.

1. Ann Rowntree, Married March 14, 1713 to William Farnham.
2. Jane Rowntree, b July 12, 1692. d Jan.7, 1695.
3. Dorothy Rowntree, April 9, 1695. Married John Fenwick.
4. William Rowntree, of Easby, Fuller, b July 23, 1700, d April 22, 1736. Married Dorothy -----.

Children of above Dorothy, No.3.

1. Eliza Fenwick,
2. John Fenwick,
3. George Fenwick,
4. William Fenwick,
5. Bryan Fenwick.

Children of Above William, and Dorothy No.4.

1. Ann Rowntree, b Nov.9, 1725. Married Todd.
2. William of Riseborough, Yocman, b Oct.30, 1727. d Jan.10, 1798. Married Hannah Hebron, b 1734, d March 10, 1801.
3. John Rowntree, Mariner, b December 9, 1729. d August 31, 1807.
4. Robert Rowntree, b May 29, 1730, d before 1738.
5. Mary Rowntree, b July 2, 1733, d .. 1738.
6. Jane Rowntree, b May 3, 1736.

Children of above William Rowntree, of Riseborough, No.2 and wife Hannah Hebron.

1. John Rowntree, of Scarborough, draper and grocer, 1757-1827. Married Elizabeth Lotherington.
2. Mary Rowntree, 1758-1796. married Richard Leaver.
3. Hannah Rowntree, 1761-1833. Married David Priestman.
4. Jane Rowntree, 1765-1837. Married Doncaster.
5. William Rowntree, 1768-1832.
6. Joseph Rowntree, 1771-1772.
7. Joseph Rowntree, 1774-1811.
8. Robert Rowntree, 1778-1830.

No.2.

Descendants of John Rowntree, of Scarborough, No.1 b 1757, d 1827.

1. Son William Rowntree, Miller of Gateshead. b 1786, d 1849.
2. Daughter. Hannah Rowntree, b 1816, d 1883, married Charles Brightwen.
3. Their daughter Mary Brightwen, married Charles John Rowntree, b 1847 d 1929.
4. Their son Charles Brightwen Rowntree, b 1873. living in 1885. headmaster and Mayor of Saffron Walden, Essex, England.
5. Their son Henry Brightwen Rowntree, b 1908, living at Endfield, Eng.
6. Have four children, no names given.

No.3.

Descendants of William Rowntree, Yocman, b 1768, d 1832. No.5.

1. Son William Rowntree, Miller, Kirkstall, b 1798, d 1854.
2. His son Charles John Rowntree, grocer, Lunenburg. b 1846, d 1928. This is the name Charles John Rowntree, shown in No.3, and their descent in No.4.5. and 6.

No.4.

1. John Rowntree, 1757-1827, was the father to Joseph Rowntree, 1801-1859.

Carlisle Rowntrees and their Canadian descent.

1. John Rowntree, Carlisle, b 1790 d 1862, married Mary Hall, 1791-1850.
Their children.

1. Joseph Rowntree, 1816-1881, married Ann Moggie of Paisly, Scotland.
2. George Rowntree, b 1819.
3. David Rowntree, b 1819.
4. John Rowntree b 1821.
5. Elizabeth Rowntree b 1824.
6. Mary Rowntree b 1826.
7. Jane Rowntree b 1828.

Children of Joseph Rowntree, 1816-1881, No 1. above.

1. John Rowntree b 1846 d 1900.
2. Joseph Rowntree b 1849 d 1895.
3. James Rowntree b 1852 d 1918
4. George Rowntree b 1856 d 1917.
5. Mary Ann Rowntree, b 1861 d 1915.
6. William Henry Rowntree b 1866 d 1929, married Emily V. Brown, 1887-1951.

Children of William Henry, No. 6. and Emily Brown.

1. Stella V. Rowntree, living graduate in piano, Ontario, Canada, b 1889
2. Gertrude Rowntree, Graduate nurse, living in Ontario, Canada, b 1891
3. William Joseph Rowntree, Farmer, living in Ontario, Canada, b 1893
4. Florence Rowntree, b 1896, married Jackson.
5. Howard Rowntree b 1905, Chemistry, living in Ontario, Canada.

The original John Rowntree, No. 1 emigrated to Canada, from Carlisle, England in the early 1800s, and on a visit to Ireland, later, died there. No information is given of the ancestors of him.

The following tree is given by Gertrude Rowntree, No. 2. above. Her brother

No. 3 above, William Joseph Rowntree, married Jessie Holmes, May, 19, 1920, and she died April 3, 1923, they had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Rowntree, a office clerk.

He William Joseph then married Verna Noble, March 31, 1934, and they had the following children,

1. Marion Rowntree b 1935.
2. William Chester b 1937, Rowntree.
3. Susanna Rowntree, b 1941.

No. 4 above, Florence Emily Rowntree, married George T. Jackson, Apr. 19/23 and they had the following children.

1. George William Jackson, b 1925, married Helen Crozier Aug. 1947.
2. Ann Emily Jackson, b 1927, married Don Salt, Sept 1949.
3. Elizabeth Jean Jackson, b 1930, married Robert McMillan June 1954.
4. Douglas Edward Jackson, b 1936.

and.

THE ROWNTREES.

It is my belief that the first Rowntrees that came to America were Quakers, and that they descended from the first Quaker, Francis Rowntree, who became a member of the society between 1650 and 1660.

Francis Rowntree was living at Stokesby in 1669, then seemed to have disappeared from that place, with all his children, he having had his two first children entered on the church register, and his six younger children appearing in the Quaker records, I do not know their names at present, but have written a letter to Mr. Charles Brightwen Rowntree referred to previously, to see if he can supply me their names. It is my belief that said Quaker Francis Rowntree, emigrated with his family to Ireland, and from there to Hanover County, Virginia, probably arriving in Virginia around 1695, as the records show his two older children were born in 1654 and 1658, they were old enough to have married and had families of their own. And Francis himself should have been around 65 to 70 years old, which is too old for him to have fought in the battle of Tewkesbury, between the forces of William the Third, and King James the Second, in which William conquered the Army of James. In the traditional history by my Great-Great -Great Uncle Joseph relate, the following; William raised a large army in England, and went over to Ireland, there were two brothers of the Rowntree name in his army, after William forced James Forster, William disbanded his army, the two Rowntree brothers concluded to remain in Ireland, one settling in the north of Ireland and the other in the south of Ireland. These two brothers I believe were the children of said Francis Rowntree.

And the brother that settled in North Ireland, was joined there by his father and mother and other brothers from England. The other brother that settled in South Ireland, married there and remained in Ireland when the North Ireland Rountrees, headed by their father Francis Rountree emigrated to Henricemound County, Virginia, leaving the youngest son in Ireland with the Small Fox, about the year 1695. This son was named Charles Rountree and married Lydia -----, and raised a family in Ireland, how many children he had I have no record. One of his sons named Thomas Rountree, when 19 years old emigrated to Pennsylvania, this being the year 1752, where he worked at the ship carpenter's trade, after two or three years he returned to Ireland, and there married Evy St. rgia, after his marriage he returned to America, stopping in Pennsylvania, then after three of his children he moved to North Carolina.

Though Uncle Joseph traditional history dont say so, my Uncle Cooper Rountree, who I know well and was acquainted with the Rountree history, told me that a brother of Thomas had emigrated to America with him. I believe this brother was named Charles Rountree, and that he also raised a family in America, that multiplied and the descendants moved to Georgia in a early day, and some still live there, and in adjoining states, at present.

Since Francis Rountree, of Stokesby, England had 8 children, and after they moved to Ireland, one staid in north Ireland and one staid in South Ireland, that leaves six that emigrated with him to America, the same number quoted in my Uncle Josephs history.

The Rountree that settled in South Ireland, also has descendants that emigrated to America, and I personally met some of his descendants in central Texas, an account of which I will include in this history, later on.

TRADITIONAL HISTORY.

About the year 1892, I visited my Father's full brother, and my uncle, Fern Rountree, living then in San Antonio, Texas, he let me copy the following letters, and traditional history.

Temple, Texas.
May 6, 1890.

Dr. J. M. Rountree,

Dear Brother;- This leaves us all in good health, and I hope will find you all the same, we have a great abundance of rain the last month, my stock are doing quite well this winter, but our farm is progressing rather slow owing to so much rain. Some years ago I got Newton Rountree to send me a copy of a short history that old Uncle Joseph Rountree wrote out and left with Billy Rountree, I got Mattie to copy it off and will enclose it with this. You can have it copied in a book and make that after generations, will be glad to see these old family traditions. Our mother use to tell us about the history of her family (Donaldson), as you was too young then I will write what she said. Mothers name as you know was Rhoda Donaldson her mother was a Bates. The name Donaldson originated in Scotland from a giant. Donaldson's Giant in Scotch. His sons were the Donaldsons. The men were exceedingly tall men. Our Grandfather Donaldson was 6 feet 4 inches in height. his Mother was a Cooper, so was old man Campbell's mother and her sister. They originated in Scotland and it is claimed made a distinguished record in Scotland, as warriors and also in the Colonies. As you know Father and Uncle Nat Campbell was already proud of their Cooper blood. There is a man here that lived in Yorkshire, Eng. who tells me that there is now living in that shire, several thousand people that spell their names just as we do. He says they are a grand old family, noted for their wealth and great manufacturers. So Uncle Joseph's history is correct. I thought you would be interested in these things, so that you may know where we got our untiring energy. We were not born for ease and repose. I reckon I will die trying to accomplish something.

Respectfully yours with affection,
Cooper Bates Rountree.

My Uncle John Fern Rountree, died in my presence, after a long illness in San Antonio, Texas, on May 2, 1907, and is buried in the San Fernando Cemetery there. Soon after his burial his widow Mattie planted a Rose bush at the head of his grave, by the side of the monument she had erected. In the year 1954, this rose bush died, and following in about six months she herself died, age 96 years, and is buried in Ohio. She married twice

After my Uncle, out-living her second husband, and dieing only a few months before her third husband. She was my Uncle Ferns second wife, as he obtained a divorce from his first wife, who had four boys and two girls by him, she never married after her separation from my Uncle. I do not know of any descendants of my Uncle that bears the name of Rountree, his eldest son Henry had a son by that name, but I understand he is dead. and the second son of my Uncle Fern had a daughter only, before he died. All the other four children, had no children. I visited my Uncle Fern and his wife Hattie on numerous occasions, and also visited his first wife and children on many occasions, and after she died, we keep in contact all through their lives, I visited in Ohio several times, to see Hattie and both her following husbands, after my Uncle Ferns death.

My Uncle Cooper Bates Rountree, I visited in 1900 at his 1200 acre black land farm, a few miles from Rosebud, Texas, and remained about a week. Later in about the year 1906-7 I visited him on several occasions, at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he had gone to live, owing to having the Asthma, he bought a home there, and remained untill his death a few years later. He had two daughters and one son, who I suppose are all dead, I visited his Grandson in Houston, Texas, in the year 1954, and he had one son, who is the only one bearing the name of Rountree, from his family. My Uncle Cooper Rountree and wife Ellen, and his son Ben F. Rountree are all buried in their family cemetery at Rosebud, Texas.

ROWNTREE TRADITIONAL HISTORY, by Joseph Rountree, dated Dec. 18, 1867
A good many years ago there was a male child found in Yorkshire, England, by a rich landlord, under a "Rowan Tree", otherwise called a mountain Ash, dressed in very rich clothing, he took compassion on the child and took it home and raised it as if he was his own child, not knowing its origin. He named it Rountree after the tree under which it had been found, the boy grew up and was educated by his foster father, in the process of time he married and raised a family, and they became numerous.

When William the third, king of England, dethroned his father-in-law King James the second, King James then went to Ireland and raised a large army of Irish, thinking to get himself re-instated in the throne of England, but King William raised a large army in England and went over to Ireland, there were two brothers of the Rountree name that went over in his army, and after the battle of Boynewater (1690) when King Williams forces conquered King James Forces, King William there disbanded part of his army, and the two Rountree brothers were in that part of the forces that were disbanded.

They concluded to stay in Ireland, one of them stopped in South Ireland, and married among the Celtic Race of people or nation of that country. but little is known of his generations.

The other one settled in the north of Ireland, and married among the Anglo Saxons, who previously to that time had populated that part of Ireland. He raised his family there and in time they became numerous.

Then there was a great emigration from Ireland to the providence of Virginia in North America. ONE OLD MAN named Rountree took passage for himself and family for Virginia, but before the ship was ready to sail his youngest son took the small pox, and was not admitted aboard the ship, as he had paid his passage, he and six of his sons went on in the ship and settled in Nansemond County, Virginia. From these family of Rountree's the various families that are dispersed over the various parts of the United States sprung, including the Rountrees of Illinois.

The seventh son that was left in the care of his mother, he recovered from the small-pox, and from that son our family sprang. He remained in Ireland and raised a family, they multiplied and became numerous.

When my father was nineteen years old he took passage for America and stopped in the province of Pennsylvania, and worked at the ship carpenters business, some two or three years, and then went back to Ireland. After staying there a few years he married Evy Sturgis, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Sturgis, and after his marriage he took passage for America and stopped in Pennsylvania, there remained I think untill three of their children were born, then he emigrated to the providence of North Carolina, there the balance of their children were born, and there they died, their earthly remains lie buried in the grave yard of "Little River Meeting House".

My father and mother raised six sons and two daughters to be grown, one son and two daughters died in infancy. The six sons were named William, John, Charles, Andrew, Thomas, and my self Joseph. My two sisters were named Rachel and Lydia.

My father was the son of Charles and Lydia Rountree, and my fathers name Thomas. By some means the family has got to spelling their name Rountree, but that is not proper for they took their name from the tree under which the infant was found.

We all raised families except William and Thomas, and they are departed in different states. William died a single man, Thomas married but raised no family. I raised a family of eight children to be grown, and had two to die in infancy. My grown children of six sons and two daughters. My sons names are James Mandrath, Zonas Marion, Lucious Amables, Marzavin Jerome, Alimus Linneaus, and Allen Jones. My daughters names are Louisa Amalia, and Almarinda Carolina. My children have all got families except Allen Jones, he died a young man.

I emigrated from North Carolina to Tennessee in the year of 1819, and from Tennessee to the State of Missouri in the winter of 1830-31, got my family to where Springfield now is, on the 15th day of January 1831.

It is now the 18th day of December 1867, on the 14th day of last April I was 85 years old, and am now in good health. Signed, Joseph Rountree.

The above is a copy of the history of our family, as given by my grandfather in his hand writing, which I now have in my possession. Signed Newton M. Rountree.

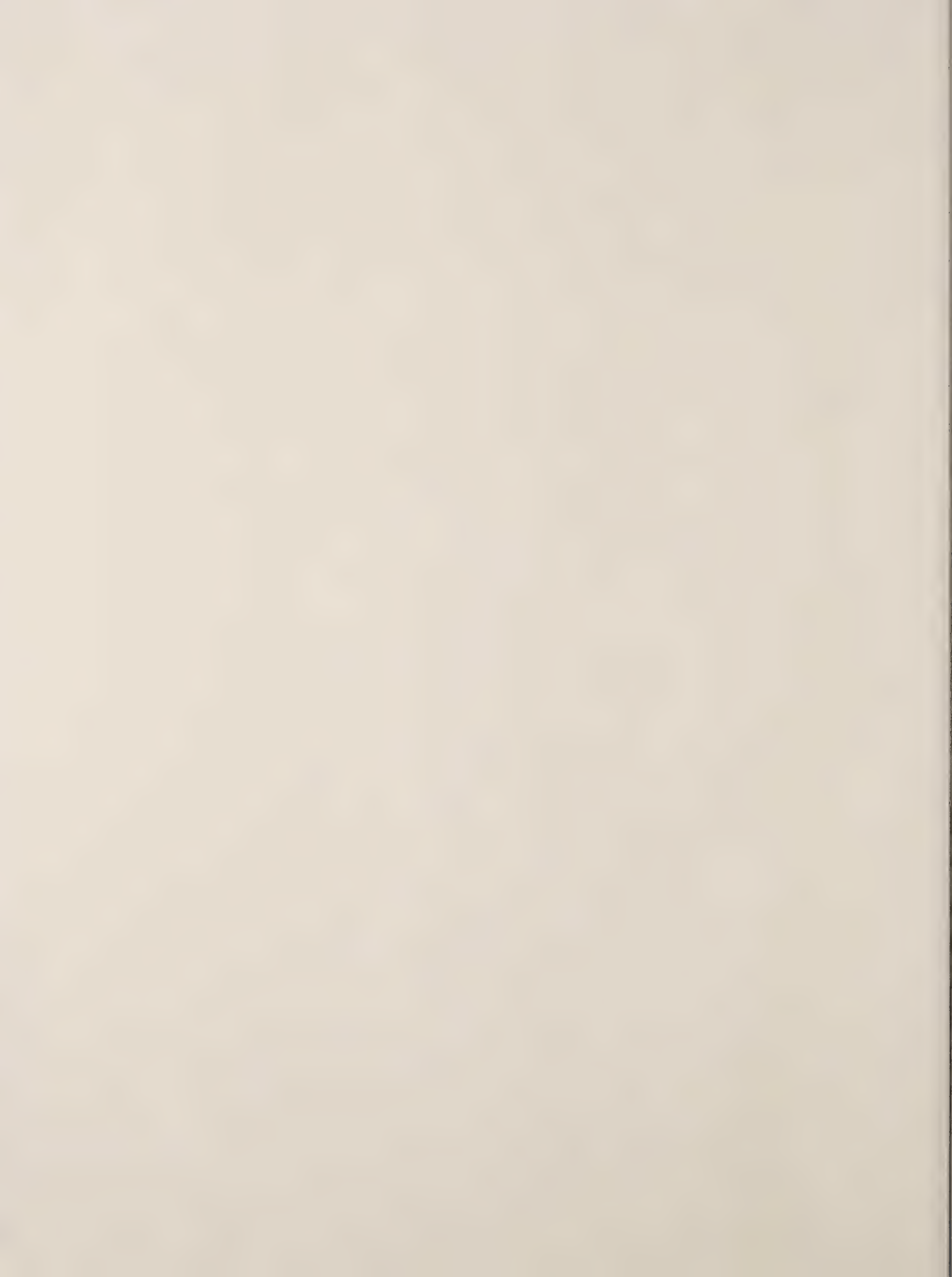
End of traditional history.

On my trip to Springfield, Missouri, in the fall of 1901, where I visited my relatives, I visited said Newton M. Rountree, who at that time was president of a Bank there. He and I had a long conversation, and I told him I had spent the summer in the north, to try and learn farming, and before returning to Texas, had visited the Buffalo Exposition, leaving there the day before President McKinley was shot and killed. I further told him of the ranch in Texas that my father had left me when he died in 1880. I being only ten months old. Mr. Newton M. Rountree, was very much interest in the ranch, and told me what over I did to hold onto it, and predicted a wonderful future and advancement for all of the country. Now after over fifty years I can see where his prediction has come true, and I followed his advice and held onto the Ranch, my father left me, only recently returned it over to my two children, J.C. Rountree III, and Miss Adele Rountree, who will carry it on after I am gone.

This ends my first volume of the Rountree Name, others will follow.

Signed, Joseph Gus Rountree II.





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